Antimicrobial resistance is a global crisis

WHO’s AWaRe tool can help countries tackle it by prioritizing how antibiotics should be used.

Access category antibiotics should be the preferred choice for common and serious infections.

Watch and Reserve category antibiotics are either at higher risk of resistance or too precious to use all the time.

Increase Access

To reduce resistance, WHO evidence shows that at least 60% of all antibiotics consumed should come from the Access category.

60% by 2023

The 60% target is important to reach by 2023. Ultimately, all countries should reach this target swiftly so that patients still get treatment and the most critical antibiotics are preserved.